



Term 1 Week 8, Thursday 29 March, 2018
Tena koutou e te whānau, he mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Principals Message

Dear families/ whānau of Freemans Bay Primary, Tena Koutou te Whānau,

When we return from the Easter break we will be moving into our new learning spaces, it's such an exciting time for us all. We will have our opening ceremony of the new building at 9.30am on Wednesday 4th April. Parents and children are invited **to wear their national costume** or a special outfit to mark this occasion. Parent group are providing a morning tea and several BOT members and guests will be there. We hope to see some of you there.

On April 6th at 10.30am we will be taking part in the opening of our Kāhui Ako o Waitematā at Orākei Marae. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to join our staff and learners and participate in a pōwhiri (welcome ceremony) at the Ngāti Whātua, the main iwi marae in Auckland. If you wish to attend please arrive at [Orākei Marae](#) by 10am and join our staff and Board of Trustees. Parking is at a premium, please share transport.

On the 9th of April the construction company Watts and Hughes will take over the temporary classrooms and prepare them for demolishing. We believe there is some asbestos in these buildings and the removal will be managed safely in accordance to Work Safe and MOE standards. If you wish further information about this process, please contact me.

As there will be truck movement associated with the removal of these buildings, we advise families not to use the school field in the school holidays from Saturday 14th April. The last day of term one is Friday 13th April and school starts back on Monday 30th April. Youthtown will be operating their holiday programme out of the staffroom during these holidays.

This week I had a visit from Hon Simon Bridges and Hon Nikki Kaye who wished to discuss a range of topics with me, related to education. The matters I raised with the National Party leaders included the teacher shortage in Auckland, the lack of numbers of people applying to go into teacher training, the lack of resourcing for special needs students and the need for more bi-lingual learning assistants to be resourced.

Last night we had our March BOT meeting. The items on the agenda included the opening of the new building, and the process for upgrading the school grounds once the temporary classrooms are removed. We also discussed the draft Charter and strategic plan which was presented to the Board. This plan lays the foundations for the Board's work over the next three years. The Charter is available for you to view in the school office and you are always welcome to attend our Board meetings.

Have a lovely Easter holiday everyone, we look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday the 4th for the opening ceremony!

Kindest regards, Ngā mihi *Sandy*

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Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Meena, Anna, Fabio, Rishita, Maryam, Sam

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 30 March

Monday, 2 April

Tuesday, 3 April

Wednesday, 4 April

Thursday, 5 April, 9am – 3pm

Friday 6th April, 10.30am

Friday, 13 April

Monday, 30 April

Good Friday, School Closed

Easter Monday, School Closed

Easter Tuesday, School Closed

Back at School

9.30am, Opening of New Building, FBS

ICCS Softball

Kāhui Ako o Waitemata, Pōwhiri at Orākei Marae

Last day of Term 1

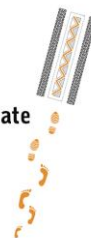
First day of Term 2

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR **SCHOOL CALENDAR** FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Notices



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Term 2

Tuesday 15th May - Open Morning

9:15am – 12:00pm for Year 6 students and parents/ caregivers. Students will be invited to come to Ponsonby Intermediate School at 9:15am from their school with their parents/ caregivers. This is a chance to see the school in action.

Tuesday 12th June - Open Morning

Wednesday 13th June - Open Morning

Term 3

Tuesday 31st July - Open Morning

Wednesday 15th August - Open Evening

The school will be open for viewing with programmes operating from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A meeting with parents and teachers will take place in the hall at 6:45pm to answer any queries and to take enrolments.

Tuesday 21st August - Final Open Morning

For more information: www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz